

October 4, 2012

The Board of Public Works & Safety met at 4:00 p.m. on the above date in the Meeting Room at City Hall Annex with Mayor Tucker presiding and members Curtis and Fuelling attending. Others attending were Chief Beloat; Chief Dixon; Supt. Givens; Comm. Maynard; Sean Hughes – Emergency Radio Service; Pam Robinson – Posey County News; Sara Manifold – Mount Vernon Democrat.

Mayor Tucker called the meeting to order by stating members were either mailed or hand carried copies of the minutes of their previous meeting and by asking if there were any corrections or additions. He added if not, he entertains a motion to waive their reading and to approve the minutes as presented.

Board member Curtis moved the reading of the minutes be waived and they be approved as presented. Seconded by Board member Fuelling.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Tucker requested action on the claims presented.

Board member Fuelling moved the claims presented be allowed for payment. Seconded by Board member Curtis.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Tucker stated they will now hear the reports of the Departments.

Chief Beloat stated he would like approval for extra patrols for Halloween. He added the Board needs to authorize the extra overtime. Unfortunately this time of year brings out more vandalism, etc.

Board member Curtis moved approval for the extra patrols and the payment of the overtime be given. Seconded by Board member Fuelling.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously. He then asked if there were any questions of Chief Beloat ?

There were none.

Chief Dixon stated he has no report.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Supt. Givens stated he is just back from the IACT Conference and he would like to thank the Board for letting him attend. Other than that he stated, he has no report.

Board member Fuelling stated he was interested, excited, and impressed by the plant and the improvements that are happening there. He added it is a difference between night and day.
Board member Curtis added he also appreciated the tour.
Supt. Givens stated Mike Burris also appreciated giving the tour.
Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?
There were none.

Comm. Maynard stated he has been looking into some snow plows, which brings up the point that the dump trucks are in “pretty good” shape as well, but he is also looking at the possibility of purchasing a used dump truck. The one he is looking at is a 2003 International, located at Sternberg, and has 155,000 miles on it – which isn’t a whole lot for a diesel. He added it has a 10’ dump bed and the asking price is \$38,500. He added he would like permission to go look at it in three or four days to see if it is something they would be interested in. He then stated he may even be able to negotiate a lower price. He then suggested that Board member Fuelling, Don Rye, and Asst. Comm. Miller go along to take a look at it.

Board member Fuelling stated he spoke with the Clerk-Treasurer’s office and they indicated that due to the money crunch, it would not be a good idea to look into getting anything new like that until January, but since this is a used vehicle...

Comm. Maynard stated the packer is paid off, and when one is paid off, they usually look into getting another one. He would not want to do that thought, take on a new packer truck as well as a new dump truck.

Board member Fuelling stated he thinks they are in pretty good shape vehicle-wise.

Comm. Maynard replied it is really a double edged sword – if they get something old or used, they may have to pay quite a bit on repairs, which could be very costly.

Board member Curtis asked the age of the oldest dump truck ?

Comm. Maynard replied 14 years old.

Board member Fuelling added that one them had its frame break in two pieces.

Comm. Maynard added the salt is not good on metal.

Board member Curtis stated the “new” truck they are looking at is nine years old.

Comm. Maynard stated he doesn’t want to strap the city, which is why he is looking at used ones.

Board member Fuelling stated he appreciates that fact and added they need to look at the truck and get their numbers in order. He concluded by stating he doesn’t want to spend money they do not have.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Mayor Tucker stated they are now ready for the Legal portion of the Agenda. The first item is possible action on the quotes opened at the last meeting on the Old Highway 62 Sanitary Sewer Forced Main Relocation Project. He added they have the opinion letter from Attorney Higgins before them.

Supt. Givens stated the quotes were turned in in a timely manner. Kieffer did not include a work schedule and D-Lite needs to submit some additional documents. He feels they should accept the lowest quote, that being Kieffer, and then they can submit the work schedule.

Board member Curtis stated if submitting a work schedule was included in the specifications and they did not do that, maybe they should be rejected. He added the Board has rejected quotes before.

Board member Fuelling agreed and added they could both potentially be thrown out.

Mayor Tucker stated Supt. Givens should get with Attorney Higgins for clarification on the missing documents.

Board member Curtis stated if all necessary requested information is received, he moves they accept the low quote of Kieffer. Seconded by Board member Fuelling.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There were none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Tucker stated the next item is a request to waive a weed removal billing from Philip Angermeier. He added Mr. Angermeier is not present due to work, but he has submitted a letter. He then stated Mrs. Kissinger has also submitted paperwork detailing the chain of events, dates, etc., and related documentation. He then stated Mrs. Kissinger is a stickler on procedure. Mr. Angermeier states the post office dropped the ball on this.

Board member Curtis stated they had another similar request at their last meeting. He added the proper procedures were followed on the city's part, he does not feel they can make an exception to the rules.

Board member Fuelling agree and added Mrs. Kissinger followed the ordinance to the "T" and Mr. Angermeier waited 19 days to appeal. He added they can't change the bill.

Board member Curtis moved the Board deny the request by Mr. Angermeier to forgive his weed removal bill. Seconded by Board member Fuelling.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

Board member Fuelling stated he just wants to say again that the Clerk-Treasurer's office spends hours and hours on this when they could be doing other things and in the meantime, the grass just keeps growing.

Comm. Maynard stated his contractual services line takes a beating and tends to spike due to these weed liens. He added some of these yards are chest high by the time the street department gets to it.

Board member Fuelling added it is also hard on equipment.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Tucker stated in the Audience and on the Agenda is Sean Hughes.

Mr. Hughes approached and stated he is with Emergency Radio Service and is present to talk about the narrow band mandate. He added the city police and fire departments are all set, but the public works (Street, Water, and Sewer) are not yet. He stated that is probably due to the fact that they have much older equipment. He continued by stating the FCC mandate has come down in an effort to free up bands within the public works frequencies. The mandate will free up band width. He added the city needs their license for narrow band designated. That being said, all radios will need to be replaced. All the information is in the packets given to the Board. He warned that the deadline for compliance is the end of the year and at that time the FCC will start replicating licenses. He concluded by stating Supt. Gray's license is done but his radios are not done. He then asked the Board if they had any questions ?

Comm. Maynard stated money being so tight right now, this has not been a priority. He added they could possibly come at a time, but his department would need around 19 radios, that is a lot.

Board member Curtis asked if there are mobiles and handhelds both needed ?

Mr. Hughes replied yes.

Board member Curtis stated if they just had mobile, they could switch them from truck to truck.

Chief Dixon stated he would just like to add that his department has 25 handhelds and they get lost, run over, or not put on a charger. He warned they should be careful with that.

Board member Curtis asked the difference in price ?

Supt. Givens replied one is \$453.90 and the other is \$473.00 so about \$20.00. He then asked Mr. Hughes if this was the best deal he could get as the way it sounds the city would be buying a lot of radios.

Mr. Hughes replied yes, he sharpened his pencil and did everything he could to get the best price, but he also needs to make a little money as well.

Board members Fuelling and Curtis both agreed they need to look into it.

Clerk-Treasurer Sitzman reminded the Board that due to public purchasing laws, they may need to invite quotes to get the best deal, they just need to keep an eye on that.

Mayor Tucker agreed and added they need to look into it and also get with Attorney Higgins before they proceed.

Board member Fuelling stated it sounds like something they are going to have to do eventually.

Mr. Hughes stated he appreciated the Board's time and thanked them again. He then left the meeting.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any Old Business ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any New Business ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated if there was no further business, he entertains a motion to adjourn.

Board member Fuelling moved the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Board member Curtis.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously and adjourned the meeting.

John Tucker
Mayor

ATTEST:

Cristi L. Sitzman
Clerk-Treasurer